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Father Jim Kirchner, Campus Chaplain

Campus Chaplain Father Kirchner Announces Resignation

(MP) Friday, November 13, Father Jim Kirchner notified the Board of Trustees that he would be leaving the college at the end of the Fall semester. That decision was contained in a previous letter to Dr. Robert Ackerman, his superior, dated September 17.

Kirchner listed the reason for leaving as "the conviction reached after prayer that someone else may be able to work more easily within present college structure than myself." Kirchner also stated that, "my personal relationships are intact; I have no personal disagreement with any administrator, staff person or student."

Kirchner urged students at the Sunday morning Mass, and Monday night S.G.A. meeting to accept the new director with kindness and hospitality, adding, "Whoever it is will need to experience the same acceptance I received from you."

Kirchner concluded in his announcement, "As for me, I will be remembering you all in prayer and some of you with a deep and lasting love. From some, I recieved strength beyond imagining and I am a better priest for having been among you. I have come to love God the more because I experienced your love andyour adult faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ."

There is some speculation as to who will fill the vacated position of Campus Chaplain. Sources have indicated that a priest from the Saint Leo Monastery will be a probable delegate.

Eight Faculty Members Gain Tenure

By Jan Polack
Assistant Editor

Saint Leo College administration notified eight faculy members and informed them that they now have the status of regular faculty. In other words, these professors may teach at Saint Leo for as long as they are able.

When a professor is hired for a position at Saint Leo he or she is required to work for a probationary period of three years. They are watched carefully by the College, and if they have upheld the standards of a faculty member, a contract is offered to them elevating them to regular faculty status.

The eight teachers are Mr. Edward Balis, Mr. Terry Danner, Dr. Maribeth Durst, Dr. David Golden, Mr. Allan Merson, Ms. E. Marilyn Schaffer, Ms. Paula Smith and Dr. Jeanne Wright. Mr. E. Balis got his M.B.A. and B.A. at Northeastern University, Boston, Mass. He is a member of the American Accounting Association and the Society of Advancement of Management. Mr. Terry Danner received his M.A.T. and B.A. at University of South Florida, and he is a member of the Southern Sociological Association, American Psychology Association and the Environmental Defense League. Dr. Maribeth Durst is the Assistant Professor of Sociology and she recieved he Ph.D at the New School of Social Research, M.A. at Syracuse University and B.A. at Saint Mary's University. Dr. David Golden is the Director of Theatre and he recieved his Ph.D. at Ohio University, M.A. and B.A. at the State University of New York at Albany. He is a member of the American Theatre Association, Theatre Festival Association and the National Honor Dramatic Society.

Mr. Allan Merson is the Assistant Professor of Social Science. He recieved his M.S.W. at Florida State University and his B.A. at Monmouth College. He is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, and the Florida Council for Community Mental Health. Ms. E. Marilyn Schaffer recieved her M.A. and B.A. at University of South Florida. She is a member of The American Education Research Association, Council for Exceptional Children, Council for children with Behavioral Disorders. Ms. Paula Smith recieved her B.Sc. at the University of Maine and her M.A. at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. She belongs to the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, the United States Lawn Tennis Association, and the Professional Registry of Professional Tennis Players. Dr. Jeanne Wright recieved her PhD., M.A. and B.A. at University of Wisconsin. She is Treasurer of Delta Kappa Gamma, an organization of professional women.

Circle K Urges Participation In Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-Thon

By Michelle Dodds
Reporter

On November 21st, Circle K will be sponsoring a bike-a-thon for Cystic Fibrosis, a disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. The bike-a-thon will be held in front of Villa from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone with a bike is invited to participate. If you want, you can share your bike with a friend, (i.e. you ride in the morning and they ride in the afternoon). No matter, come out and support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in defeating the #1 genetic killer of children in our country today. Help Circle K go the distance for Cystic Fibrosis.

Phi Theta Chi Sponsored Blood Drive A Record Breaker

By Nicholas Fox
Reporter

Phi Theta Chi, a well known Fraternity on campus, has certainly done it again. They succeeded in sponsoring another blood drive with Saint Anthony's Blood Bank of Saint Petersburg. The event was held for three days--November 10,11, and 12. This event occurs once a semester and Phi Theta Chi has been sponsoring it for the past 14 years. The record of 278 pints, which was set in 1978, was smashed this year. A total of 285 pints were donated. But this year there was a little change. A little bit of "spark" was added in order to motivate students to donate blood. Several prizes were up for grabs. The prizes included a Keg of beer for the group or orginization that donated the most blood, and two pairs of tickets to the last Bucs home game. The Keg of beer was won be Saint Edward's Hall third floor who donated a remarkable 86 pints of blood. In second place was Phi Theta Epsilon with 70 pints. Tied for third place were Phi Theta Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon with 15 pints. Circle K and Delta Phi Delta were tied for fourth place with 10 pints each. Phi Theta Chi would like to thank everyone that donated blood. Without you it would not have been a success.

Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive Another Success

(MP) An estimated 50 baskets of food were donated to the Thanksgiving Food Drive by students, faculty, administrators, and the Benedictine community. The variety of food ranged from applesauce, to canned ham and zuchini, and was presented in reusable baskets of all shapes and sizes.

When asked about how the food would be distributed, coordinator Joe Morley replied, "The sisters of the Priory have a list of the people in the surrounding community who needthe baskets of food the most. The Knights of Columbus will help the Priory distribute the baskets early next week, in time for Thanksgiving Day."

Morley added, "I'm very glad the students, faculty, administration, and the Benedictine community responded to the call of charity. This enhances the positive side of Saint Leo College, which is charity and love to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ."

Putting the finishing touches on the Thanksgiving food baskets are: [Front to back] Coordinator, Joe Morley, Freshman Class President John Strang, and Monarch Reporter Keith Mandel.

Alpha Sigma On The Go

What are we doing? Alpha Sigma was elected the outstanding sorority at the 1980-81 S.G.A. award presentation. Yes we are living up to our standard. This semester we have had very successful projects: Sunday the eighth of November we had a Mass, Mike Rivers was sponsored by Alpha Sigma in the Mr. Muscle contest which we won, we were able to reach the final in the intramurals softball game undefeated, our hat night at the Establishment on Friday the thirteenth of November was a success, our Senior Citizen car wash in Zepheryhills was a tremendous boom.

We hope to continue in the upward direction we have pursued. Every year Alpha Sigma holds our Annual Christmas Formal for the faculty, Administration and students. This year is no exception. On December the fourth, 1981 our Christmas Formal will be held. The price is ten dollars for couples and six dollars for singles. Our theme this year is "Christmas through the eyes of a child." This year, in keeping with our tradition, a winter queen will be crowned. You select the queen when you purchase your tickets. A Champaigne breakfast is also served.

Alpha Sigma Sisters would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting us in the past and we look forward to having you with us to share the Christmas feeling.

Greek Corner

By

Michelle Dodds

What's new with Panhellenic and I.F.C.? This past Wednesday they collected canned food and donations to go towards turkeys for baskets, that will go to needy families for Thanksgiving. They collected this at Ronnies. Tomorrow, November 21st, they will be having a campus clean-up day. On the 6th of December, they will take the Geriatric Center out for an afternoon of shopping. Then, on the 10th, Panhellinic will be having a "Talent Show" for the Scott's Children's Home in Zephyrhills. It is evident that these two organizations are continuing to do their part for the community, through the service projects that they complete.

Progress On Saint Leo Library To Be Realized Through S.L.D.P.

By Peggy Thomson
S.G.A. Correspondent

Yes, you read it correctly. The library here at Saint Leo is in progress. We all know that the library isn't the best one around. That is why the Library Committee (under Student Government Association) is doing something about it. The committee consists of Frank Merrill, Marty Conway, Joellie Swanson, and Peggy Thompson. The main goals are to expand the volume of books in the library and have more study carrels put in the library.

A program was formed by the committee called S.L.D.P. (Student Library Development Program). It is evident that this will be a gradual process because a library can't expand over night. That is why it is called a program; one that will continue in the future years to come.

The Parents-Alumni-Homecoming Weekend was when the program made its first move. A table was set up in front of Lion's Lounge where parents and alumni registered. Fifty books were displayed on this table. They referred to various areas of concentration. The idea was to have people buy a book and donate it to the library. In return, the donor's name and the date was inserted inside the front cover of the book.

Another idea of the program is an article in the Saint Leo Quarterly Approximately thirty thousand people receive the Quarterly. An article was wrtten explaining the necessities of the library. People receiving the Quarterly will be asked if they would like to donate a book. They will have a choice of any book, or a book pertaining to a specific area of concentration.

The percentage of students utilizing the library rises every year. This is why S.L.D.P. is so important. It is for the benefit of everyone. If anyone has any ideas or comments, please feel free to contact a member of the committee.

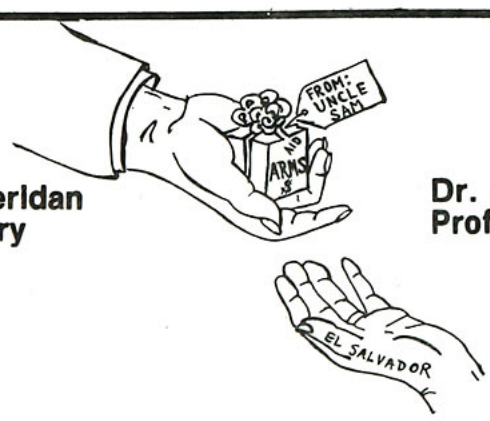
Pro And Con

By Mary Ann DeMeo

Should the United States Send More Military Aid To El Salvador?

PRO

Colonel Francis P. Sheridan
[Ret.] Assistant Library Director



CON

Dr. John McTague, Jr.
Professor of History

El Salvador is the smallest of the seven Central American countries and the only one without an Atlantic seacoast. Marxist or Communist aid is being supplied from Cuba by air or through other countries, principally Nicaragua.

I believe we should try to stem the attempt to turn another American country into a Communist State. It has almost happened to Nicaragua, which has a leftist government. We should not interfere with the internal affairs of of El Salvador, but should provide the tools to the legally Constituted government, so that the rebels can be eliminated. This means economic support and limited military aid. United States military forces should not be actively involved. What should be provided is military hardware with advisors and instructors to demonstrate and train the local military in use of modern weapons for defense.

The present joint military/civilian government has attempted a land reform program. Apparently it is seen as politically successful in winning the farmers away from the leftist rebels but has not proved economically fruitful. Initally it was graft ridden and inefficient. The head of State, Duarte, reported to the U.N. in September that improvements have been made in the land program in anticipation of the March 1982 elections. On August 28 our Secretary of State had already stated that a whole array of political, economic and security-related measures should be supported in El Salvador. In late September the U.S. Senate considered the question of more aid to this country and set up certain conditions the most important being an improvement in human rights. This apparently hit home for reports from El Salvador indicate a house cleaning in the armed forces. Ninety four were jailed and six hundred dismissed.

British experience in fighting guerrillas in Malaysia after World War II revealed that it takes ten times as many government forces as guerrillas to bring about stability. Guerrilla forces in El Salvador number between four thousand and five thousand while government forces are estimated at about twenty thousand. This includes National Guard, police and special security forces. Thus we see that the government will require much more military aid to field a force that can cope with the rebels.

The rebels have engaged in a well planned campaign to keep the government forces on the defensive. They strike from mountain retreats near the Honduran border. Much of the armament and supplies for the rebels has been traced to Cuba from whence they are shipped to Nicaragua and thence smuggled across Honduras to the rebels. The U.S. has had a small team of advisors training Honduran troops to monitor and intercept these shipments. They have been in place for nearly a year.

Many Socialist elements in the Caribbean area have pledged support for the Marxist rebels. However, in the interest of the security of the Western Hemisphere we can not allow another country in the area to be overrun by the "Red Tide".

Therefore I believe that the U.S. should continue to provide military aid to the legitimate government of El Salvador. A plan should be so structured that it would include advice on further agrarian reform, an increase in security forces, and more U.S. aid.

My answer would be no, unless the government commits itself to major economic and political reforms and to cooperation with the rebel forces (in which case they probably wouldn't need the aid). El Salvador today is a classic example of everything that is wrong with Latin America and American policy there. A small upper class controls most of the land and wealth with the assistance of the military forces, while the masses of the people live in dire poverty. This situation has gone on for decades, but now the people are finally making some effort to change it. The government has proven unwilling to institute reforms peacefully, so naturally the people have turned to the use of force, and a guerrilla war has broken out. The government's response has been to cry "Communist revolution" in order to enlist American support for their oppression, and the Reagan Administration has fallen for it. We have been told that we must make a stand against Communism in El Salvador or all Latin America will be in danger.

To my mind, this "Cold War" attitude is based on false premises. Most revolutions in the Third World are not part of a Communist conspiracy. True, many of the revolutionaries espouse Communist ideology, but that is because they view Communism or socialism as the best answer to their county's problems--not because they want to become satellites of the Soviet Union. It would be unreasonable to expect them to support capitalism when that economic system has created the very same inequalities they are trying to correct. How can we in good conscience condemn Communist dictatorship while at the same time supporting right-wing governments which are just as oppressive? Yet that is what we are doing in countries like Argentina, Chile and El Salvador, all in the name of "fighting Communism". We tend to forget the fact that our own country was born in a revolution and that we fought in order to win "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness". We are turning our backs on our own ideals when we support governments such as the one in El Salvador.

Letters

Ode To Seniors

Editor, Where has all the time gone to ?????? My life is whizzing past me in a gush of autumn wind....I'm being blown away I have so much work to do that I just don't do anything at all!! Am I going to graduate this year or not??? That is the question.

I keep telling myself. If I don't pass intermediate typing I'll really be up the creek without a paddle. If I don't get a love life real soon, I'm going to forget what one is!!!!!!!! There's gotta be someone who can help me with all these deep seeded problems I am going through.

I guess that I'll go break into the boat house, steal a canoe, and sail away into the sunset or the other side of the lake, which ever comes first. For now, this day of my life, this perishing moment, I'll just fade out of the scene. A few drinks, some wild sex, and some heavy rock and roll will put my life back into perspective once more.

Signed,
B.S.

Editors Desk
By Theresa Schretzmann

About Those False Fire Alarms....

There you are...in your "cubicle sweet cubicle", of your dorm, sleeping peacefully (if not a little cramped) in that bed of yours. You've either just: A)Studied for that "big test" the next day, and sacked out to get much needed sleep. B)Come from the bar drunk as a skunk and passed out into blissful slumber.

The hours tick by until "prime time" (2 a.m.-5a.m.) arrives. Then, it never fails.....
RRRRRRIIIIIINNNNNNGGGGGG!!! Some #$%&*!! bimbo pulls a false fire alarm. The shrill notes of the bell pierce your eardrums and nearly make you jump out of you skin.

After you manage to extricate yourself off the ceiling or floor (whichever direction you travel after being scared out or your wits) you stumble across the room, grope for the light switch, do a power dive into the closet for some clothes, and swoop under the bed to find your shoes.

For those who are "blessed" with impaired vision, you blindly fumble around for your glasses or contact lens case, after you've successfully run into the chair, door, and the wall. Then you rip your blanket off your bed to brace yourself for the 30°F cold that you know is waiting outside for you. (Fire alarm pranksters always pick nights when the weather is at its "best".)

It is then that you notice that your "roomie" is still comatose even after all the activity. You haul them out of bed with a mighty tug on the leg, (trying to shake them awake would only be a waste of your time, since they are completely out of it), point them in the general direction of the door, and push them out into the hall and down the stairs.

All around you you here muttered oaths and imprecations, "If I ever find out who the schmuck is I'll.....Oh mon, I wish I was back in the warm Caribbean.....I can't wait to go home for break....." All the R.A.'s are busy running up and down the halls, throwing the doors open to check for straggler's. The crowd of students hover near the shelter of the stairs which acts as a wind break for the freezing air. All are waiting for the signal to enter back into their dorm.....the abrupt silence of the bell when security turns it off. There is always one dumb question of the night that somebody askes: "Did you see who pulled the alarm?" (This is the most common one.)

Now I ask you seriously, do you think anyone who had seen the culprit in action, would actually stand there in the freezing weather, in their pajamas, mad as hell for being awakened at 4:30 a.m., threatening to kill the sucker, (whoever they were) and not say anything? No. This person would not. However, there are some who would do just this. Pull the alarm, run back into their room, put on the neccessary attire, come out of their room trying not to look suspicious, and stand in frigid temperatures, to be amused by the scene of approximately 300 students who are tired, mad, and cold. These people definitely say something to me. In fact there are very special words to describe those that pull false alarms.....but I'm a good Catholic girl, and I don't repeat those things in newspapers. However, if you (the reader) would care to vent your anger on just such people, as I would, I will definitely accept suggestions as to how we can "persuade" such morons to stop their childish pranks.

The Fast Lane
By Dan Maguire

A Lesson To Be Learned

This week I am departing from my normal format of writing about something totally irrelevant. Instead I have chosen to comment on something that I have strong feelings about and that is significant to Saint Leo in general.

A recent letter to the editor of the "Monarch" has caused me, and hopefully some others, to reflect on the reason we're all here.

The letter was authored by a student who expressed concern over the grading practices of the science department. He or she feels that is inappropriate for students to grade other student's tests because the students doing the grading may be biased in favor of their friends.

After the letter was published in last week's paper the proverbial manure hit the proverbial fan. Obviously the science department resented the implications of unfairness and more so, I think, was upset by the method the student used to air his or her complaint.

Several questions arose as a result of all of this. Is the practice of student grading equitable? Is it responsible journalism to publish controversial letters without investigation? Should those who write such letters have the right of anonymity?

While these are important questions and need to be answered thoughtfully, I think it is also important to consider the overall impact of the incident.

Regardless of the final outcome in this case somewhere along the way someone is going to learn something. Maybe not something earth shattering or profound, but something. And is not learning the main objective in college life? Or life anywhere for that matter.

Learning should not be a part-time activity. It should be a continuous process. The sources of learning should not be confined to classes or reading. There is no experience that cannot be learned from. Experience without learning is not experience at all.

With learning held in such high esteem, and I think it should be, then the value of any given experience could be determined by the amount of learning that it results in. If there is any validity to this conclusion then the experience we have had, with this letter, has the potential to be very valuable.

Letters

Disgusted With Lack of Student Loyalty

Dear Editor,

My concern is college participation by students. I am really disgusted with the kind of "loyalty" Saint Leo students have. Not only do students fail to support college activities, but basically they have entirely no patriotism. I realize some may say they have no obligations to the college, but they may regret not participating in many of the projects. I don't think that many students at Saint Leo College realize that participating in college activities not only broadens the mind and matures one, but it also makes one's college life a better and more worthwhile experience.

Sincerely.
Arlene Harris

OPINIONS
By Devorah Elcock

"What do you think is the reason for student vandalism on campus?"

John Murphy
Senior
"It's the student's immaturity and lack of consideration."

Rose Reese
Senior
"The student's don't have anything to do but destroy other people's property."

Racheal Turnquest Johnson
Senior
"The student's do it for excitement and some, because they are on drugs."

Patty Byrne
Senior
"It's probably because of too much alcohol."

Kevin Greetham
Senior
"It's misplaced aggression and some people probably get pleasure out of doing it."

Muriella Jacobs
Senior
"They do it because they are bored and to take out their anger."

Joni Fontana
Junior
"Boredom..... definitely boredom."

George Ratzman
Senior
"Number one, boredom. Number two frustration."

Retraction

Dr. Parker will not be taking over the post of Division Chairman of the Social Sciences Department as was reported in the November 13 edition of the **Monarch**. The position will be filled by Associate Professor of Social Work, Frances E. Martin.

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NICARAGUA has 3000 Cuban troops/advisors, says ABC-TV in 11/5 broadcast....NICARAGUA to get some 1,000 aircraft from Vietnam, say U.S. intelligence reports.....MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY disbanded to join United Socialist Party of Mexico (PSUM). Their presidential candidate is former CP Sec. General Arnoldo Martinez Verdugo.....PANAMA may drift away from Left after shakeup caused by Torrijos' death... USSR KILLER SATELLITE battlestation in 200-mile high orbit, being watched by Defense Department who expect it to be expanded to have ballistic missile defense capabilities....GENERAL HUYSER, sent to Iran by Carter, admitted on CBS-TV he was sent there for overthrow of Iran....ITALY witnessing bomb shelter craze with 45% annual growth in building business.....MADAGASCAR security forces putting down outbreaks of looting, vandalism, street fighting; rice, medicines, soap in short supply....ISRAEL'S BEGIN said 11/3 if U.S. fails to get Syria to withdraw Soviet-supplied anti-aircraft missiles from Lebanon this month, "We shall destroy them".... SWEDES mystified about German-speaking officer on that submarine. He was superior to sub Commander Gushin.....IRA expected to launch new bomb blitz in Northern Ireland....EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPER said 11/7 Moslem extremists who killed Sadat had contacts with similar groups outside Egypt..... MOZAMBIQUE'S Marxist government to get 20,000 tons of U.S. wheat in move to "improve" our relations, says State Department..... 21 AFGHAN SOLDIERS, including army brigadier, defected to Pakistan because they couldn't stand atrocities committed by Soviets. Took large amounts of arms/ammunition with them....ZIMBABWE'S MUGABE said 11/8 white minority had "sucked the blood & sweat of the workers like vampires.... SAVINGS AND LOAN TROUBLE LIST no longer disclosed by government in order to play down "doom and gloom" talk.....HUMAN BONE JEWELRY FAD has run price of skull to $2,000 & complete skeleton to $6,000....IRS is over loaded and wants talk of protestors "played down" as Chief Eggers says it "encourages" people to skirt the system.
MONEY FUND risks mount as interest rates drop. Mgrs may gamble on future trends of rates and lose, says "Wall Street Journal"..... CAR SALES, OCT. down 24%; domestics down 26%, imports down 14%.....RED CHINA launched its first missile-carrying nuke sub, with 12 missiles aboard....WEST GERMANY'S SCHMIDT told TV audeince: "I refuse to call the Soviet Union and its allies our enemies".... DETROIT has 60% of its people on some form of welfare....FRENCH unemployment topped 2 million in Oct. for the first time in history..... SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA is not quake-ready and "woefully unprepared" for big quakes despite warnings that one is due says head of Earthquake Preparedness Project in that state....QUAKES Nevada, 11/4, moderate; South Pacific, 11/6, strong; Chile, 11/7, strong; China, 11/9, strong; Aleutian Islands, 11/9, Moderate; Greece, 11/10. moderate; California, 11/10, 3 moderate.

S.L.I.C.

The Saint Leo International Club has arrived! Over the years, the International Club has been active on campus and once again it is showing its true form. S.L.I.C. is getting its act together again by reaching out. With Joanne Savin as president and Erna-Mae Tonze as International Specialist and Advisor; they have put together a program of new and exciting things, such as: going to the Geriatrics Center in Dade City, Open House in October, Car Washes, taking a stand in the Greek Festival and to top it off, Homecoming.

With much more to come in the future, the International Club, which is a mere seventeen percent of the campus, is an organization to be watched.

FYI*

*for your information

By Kevin Bethel

To All: Returning Students

The office of Student Affairs is now issuing "Advanced Room Request" forms. Your R.A. should provide you with one, but if you do not recieve one before November 20th then go in to the Student Affairs Office and pick one up. These forms should be filled out completely and returned to either your R.A. or Sister Mary Clare in the Student Affairs Office on or before the 30th November 1981.

If you have any question that you would like answered but don't know where to go to get your answers then send me a letter c/o the Monarch and I will try to find your answers for you or tell you where to go to get them. Information about up coming events for clubs and organizations can be sent in for publication.

Science Majors:

Have you ever wondered why there are no chairs in the Chemistry Lab?

"The main reason for this is to ensure the safety of the students by removing any objects (chairs) that may hinder their free movements in a time of emergency" said Dr. Setty Adisesh Coordinator of Chemistry and Physics for Saint Leo College. He went on to say that "In the chemistry lab the desks are built so that the students have to stand." "If a substance should spill on a desk then a standing student can move away from the area of the spill faster than a student who seated." Dr. Adisesh concluded by saying that the practice of not having chairs in a chemistry lab is one that is done world wide by Colleges and Universities.

Benedictine Sisters Present Open House

By Mary Ann DeMeo
News Editor

The Benedictine Sisters of Holy Name Priory held a bag supper and a slide presentation on November 8, 1981 at 6:00 p.m. After the supper, the thirty-five people present talked to the Sisters about Benedictine life. Then Sister Mary David, O.S.B. presented a slide presentation on "Benedictines in the Americas." During the presentation one learned that the sisters are notable for their teaching and their work with underprivileged people such as the migrant workers. Theirs is a community of prayer, work and a loving service to humanity. They also showed what it would be like to be Benedictine monk in the Americas. They are a community; a family that was founded by Saint Benedict fifteen hundred years ago. The Sisters follow the rule of Saint Benedict. The following is from this rule: "The workshop in which we live and perform words of the kingdom is the enclosure of the monastery and stability in the community."

Benedictines are people who seek God because God has already found them, who live in a community in order to build a community; who live in a community in order to build a kingdom; who cherish a world that often rejects them." (From the slide presentation).

Then a scripture workshop was held in which Sister Mary David, O.S.B., presided over. The group discussed the readings for next Sunday and tried to find meanings in them. The members of the group gave their different ideas to which they thought the readings meant.

Pre-Law and Debate Society Looks At El Salvador

By Guest Reporter
Jeff Lumbert

The Saint Leo college Pre-Law and Debate Society met on Thursday, November 12, in the Duncan Lounge here on campus. Guests included Dean Walter Williams and Dr. Jack McTague, along with the parents of several club members. Moderator Eileen McGlinchy introduced the topic of El Salvador, with the question being whether or not the United States should continue to supply military aid to the existing government.

Speaking for the pro side was Jim Linus with Jeff Lumbert giving a rebuttal, while Mary Ann DeMeo and Chris Maggio gave the opposing views, respectively. When all was settled, the DeMeo-Maggio team came out on top.

Club members and guests were then honored to have Dr. Harry Vanden, the Latin American Affairs Cordinator and assistant professor of political science at U.S.F., enlighten them on the actual situation in El Salvador: not the situation represented by our poor, one-sided media coverage in the United States. He felt the United States intervention has done more harm than good, for currently our aid has been in support of an oppressive government that has murdered thousands of civilians through right-wing "hit squads." Dr. Venden said in essence we have just hindered an inevitable coup d'etat by her frustrated citizens.

He then spoke of similar situations elsewhere in Central America, and forewarned those present of an upcoming revolution in Guatemala. At the conclusion of his speech, Dr. Vanden opened the floor for questions, and after some lengthy discussion, the meeting was adjourned until next time.

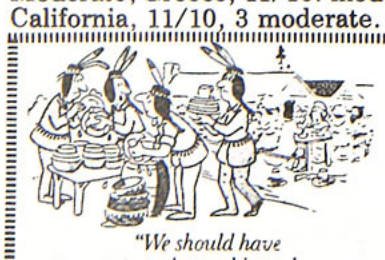
If you are interested in joining the club, just show up Thursday night, November 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Duncan Lounge. Upcoming plans will be discussed, and unlike the bar, there is no cover charge.

Fall Concert an "Enjoyable Success"

By Pamela Schuessler
Reporter

The Fall Concert, held on Sunday, November 8 at 2:00 p.m. in Selby Auditorium, was a mixture of the modern and the medieval. It began with a wind quartet by Bach and ended with a vibrant group performed by the Stage Band. The brass section of the band was dominated by Russell McKee, who was definitely the loudest element in the entire concert. Its tone, though, was on the whole, pleasant and mellow--the voices harmonized well, especially those of Stacey Owens, Catharine Stanberry and Merlynn Henley. The men's voices could have been stronger, but their soft, subdued quality only added to the lulling atmosphere of the music selected; as in "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and a speeded-up "Lady". One of the more outstanding pieces sung by the choir was "Copacabanna". All of them were directed by Mr. Larry Sledge and accompanied by John Higgins.

The stage band did well in all its pieces, most particularly in "McArthur Park" and "Ease On Down the Road". There were numerous solos, but some of them, particularly those belonging to Norman Geiger's guitar, could have been amplified more. Overlooking all minor details, the concert was a success and an enjoyable experience, appropriate for a Sunday afternoon and a bag of crocheting to occupy the hands.



"We should have suspected something when they invited us!"

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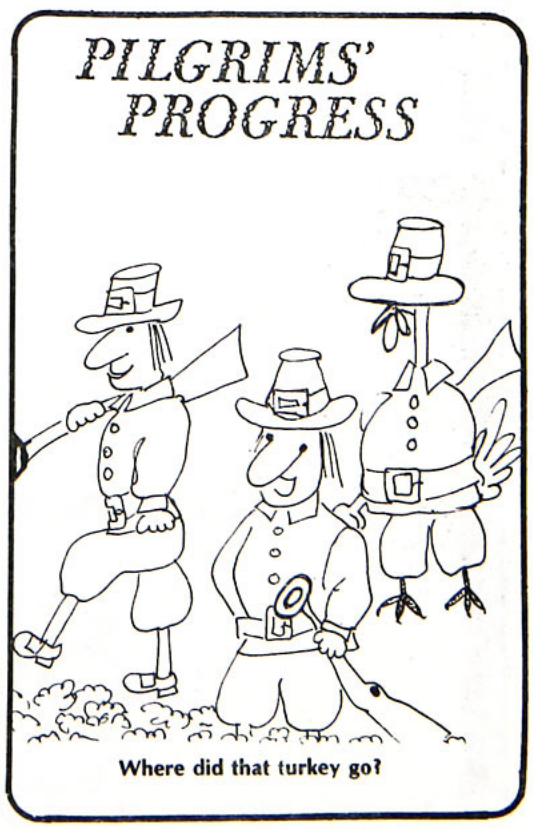


Where did that turkey go?

Student Profile:

Donato Napolitano

By Mary Nahas
Reporter

Donato, usually referred to as Dino, is a very dedicated student. He is the type of person who is precise and trustworthy is his work. He is a junior and a Biology major. Dino is from Middletown, New York, and has the spirit of a very competitive person. Not only is he academically dedicated, his G.P.A. being 3.4, but he also enjoys participating in extra-curricular act-activities.

In his freshman year, he was on the Monarch's soccer team and became a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. In his sophomore year, he made the dean's list and became the recipient of the Herbert F. Wolf Scholarship for science and Mathmetics; he was a fraternity educator for Lambda Chi Alpha, and worked as a Biology and Chemistry teaching assistant. This year Dino became a member of Circle K, and a Gamma Alpha tutorial program volunteer for Biology and Chemistry.

Dino travels often to Europe to spend some time with his relatives, but besides traveling he also manages his father's business as a painting contractor. Although Dino is a Biology major, he does not have a one-track mind because he has other interests such as community work, hunting, fishing, motorcycle riding, soccer, traveling, photography and cooking.

Dino plans to graduate from Saint Leo College and hopefully attend medical school to become a pediatrition. "Getting into medical school is a long and difficult process, but with the Science department of Saint Leo College, I should have no problem attaining my goal," said Dino.

When asked how we could improve our school spirit, Dino answered, "I think that this college should engage in more cultural events like the Greek Festival. Not only are they enjoyable, but they can also provide people with one of the best learning experiences possible. Cultural events enable people to be come more aware of the world around them."

As a member of the junior class, Dino's last advice for freshmen is, "that studying is like an investment: the more you put in, the more you get out."

Wise Up

By Tim Wise
Director of Counseling

Your Attention Please!

If you grew up in a family such as my own, then you probably received a lot of attention. We all enjoy the feelings of caring and love we find in the attention shown us. Often times we equate all types of attention with being loved, and we all want to be loved!

Sometimes we find ourselves in a situation where we feel as though we aren't getting the attention we want or need. Some examples include going away to college, living in a residence hall where you know only a few people, and finding yourself in a classroom where you know no one.

If you find yourself in a position where you aren't geeting the nice, warm, feelings you want, then you are likely to act in ways you learned which bring attention to yourself. Maybe you try to please everyone in hopes they will like you. Perhaps you will find yourself going along with the crowd in order to gain their attention.

Some have tried being nice and pleasing only to find themselves still not the center of attention so they may turn to more drastic measures.

I have know people to become down right obnoxious in order to gain attention. Others may turn to telling dirty jokes in hopes of gaining acceptance. Some folks turn to griping about every little thing (these people are sometimes the ones complaining that there is too much noise in the hallway). And, perhaps the most drastic of all ways to gain attention is by becoming "sick" or having pains or even "fainting".

When someone becomes sick, others flock to their aid and flood them with caring and attention (remember, not everyone who seems sick is playing this game--they probably are really sick). Once someone plays this game of "poor sick me" and is rewarded with attention, it becomes very difficult to stop. And, if others catch on to the game, then the person may wake up one day to find themselves really ill, and no one to believe them (the old "cry wolf" syndrome).

If you find yourself craving attention and not getting it, remember you don't need to play these games to get the love you want. Instead, be yourself. Others will like you for who you are, not who you pretend to be.

If you know someone who is looking for attention (and we all are to some degree), then share with them some good feeling (sometimes referred to as "warm fuzzies"). The more we attend to one another, the happier we all will be.

Take care & enjoy life!

*(Tim Wise is the Director of Counseling here at Saint Leo College).

Discovery and Awareness

By Joe Morley and Sherry Palamara

Peer Pressure

Why do we have peer pressure? Does going along with the crowd help make one feel more accepted, secure, and in touch with our identity? After we have accepted a person we need to treat them in a Christian atmosphere.

People feel a need for acceptance and love. An easy way to get this is going along with the crowd and doing what they want to do and not what you would honestly like to do. Therefore, to be accepted would mean that you have lost your sense of identity and individuality, unless there is a general concensus among the group. Don't be afraid to stand up for what is right and true. If the group really cares about you, they will accept you for who and what you are. Feeling accepted by anyone, other than yourself, is the most meaningful feeling peole can receive form each other.

Accepting people for who and what they are, and not what we expect them to be, is difficult at times. If we give and expect much in return, are we allowing the individual to be themselves, or are we using the person to get something in return? If we give and don't expect anything in return, yet get something in return anyway, there is nothing we can do except to be satisfied. Sometimes we become afraid of what other people are going to think of us if we choose to do what we want to. If we do not like to drink and people around us are drinking, then we should not feel ashamed, because it is something that does not fancy us all. Peers should accept their fellow peers because all are unique and different. Plus, there is an example that is being set by doing something that is not within our nature to do. We need to be true to ourselves because it helps us to figure out and distinguish between what we really do want and what the crowd wants.

When the pressures are gone, then we can do what we want and feel like doing. When we are accepted by our peers and not condemned for our beliefs, then we can feel loved. With God we are all accepted for the love that we receive because it cannot be taken away by anyone. The best part about God is that we can be ourselves, when we are around people who have experienced a relationship with him. With God there is no divine pressure anymore, and we can feel a strong sense of security by being surrounded by this type of love.

We cannot live a life to the fullest if we choose to just go along with the crowd. What do we do when the crowd is gone? When do we finally realize we should be the way we are and not somebody else? For our difference and uniqueness is a trait of us and destroying it is destroying the specialness that God gave us. We need to become more individualistic and firm in our beliefs because peer pressure is not always in the best interest of the individual and our relationship to God.

A Day In The Life Of A Monk

By Paul Symonette
Reporter

The final patches of dark begin to clear up now, in what was once the black of night, whose sense consisted of a crisp wind, hovering moon, and twinkling silvery stars. With the dawn of a bright, day, the sun sheds it's first rays toward a brilliant blue sky, hugged only by a puff of white clouds. A bird i oices by chirping; its melody wafting up to the ringing church bells, and vibrating in the morning whisper of trees, and the lazy bending of awakening green grass.

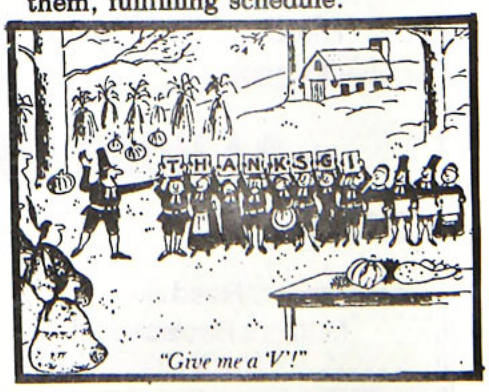
Joining in are voices that even off to a chorus, singing in harmonious richness, before closing off to alleluia in thunderous exaltation. Indeed, like all those nature movements outside, these voices are lifted, up, up to their creator, God, for having blessed the singers with yet another day in the life of a monk. It is only 6:15 a.m., about that time when the alarm clock clangs off, the first hungry mouth yawns open, and there is the thrust of hands from crinkled bed sheets, yet, the day is already flow for the Monks of Saint Leo College, who belong to the Order of saint Benedict. They pray in silence, in the hushed halls of the spacefull church, heads bent solemnly with rosary and missals in hand. Shortly, each will transport their black habit covered figure over to breakfast.

The monastic life is a vital source in the tradition of the college, having been incorporated into Saint Leo College in 1890, the year in which the monks created the college into a military unity. It later became Saint Leo college Preparatory School and, in 1959, became a four year liberal arts college.

After breakfast, the monks, like most of us in society, set out on their work schedule. Many put aside their formal black habits and don clothes familiar with their work; there is the big and friendly Brother Paul Tennis, for example, who spends his time cutting away in the carpentry section. Brother Paul is a fine artist, as well, who has many of his nature paintings hanging up in the college library.

Other monks are artists, hospital chaplains, alcoholic rehabilitation workers, parish priests and college professors. From these choices of careers, it is quite evident that the typical assumption of the monk as one who bends his head all day in prayer, is not entirely accurate, for these college monks are part of the modern-day system like we are, and are pretty much open-minded. You might find one walking along the campus, or in the weight room, or down in the Student Center sipping on a cold beer. Quips an open-eyed, spiffy Brother Bernard, "I was a public relations man in Pennsylvania but I got tired of the rat race so I moved down here for some peace and tranquility in my life. I believe in God in my own way, but no one is going to tell me how to accept Him, no way, not this fellow!" Brother Bernard is a pretty tact little fellow, likeable, and a fine poet and photographer. He has a number of his writings in various books.

Break for the monks comes when the meet back together for noon prayers, followed by lunch, then it's back to their chores until 5 p.m. Then there is evening prayers, followed by dinner and then prayers again at 7 p.m. So while the modern monk mingles in with society, there is still that inner spiritual seeking for God by discipling themselves to a somewhat rigid but seemingly, for them, fullfilling schedule.



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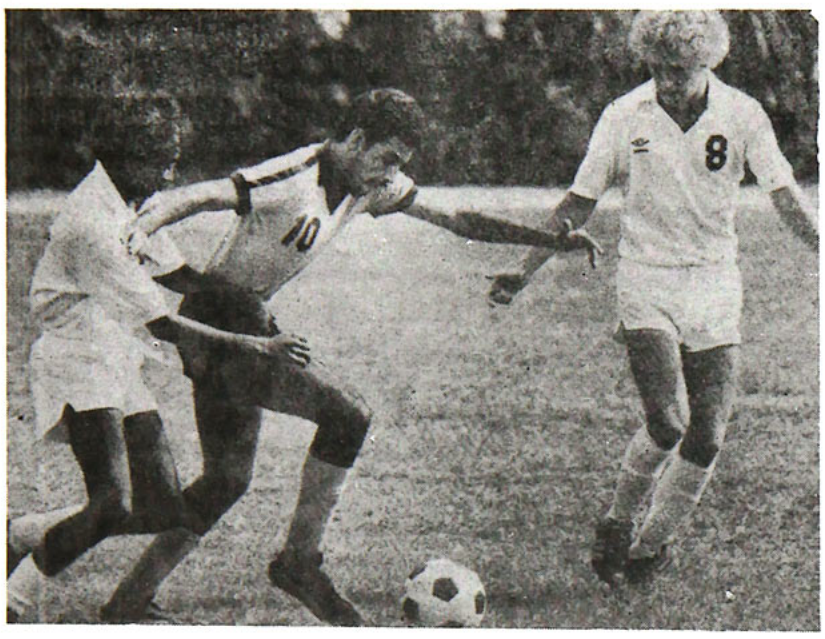
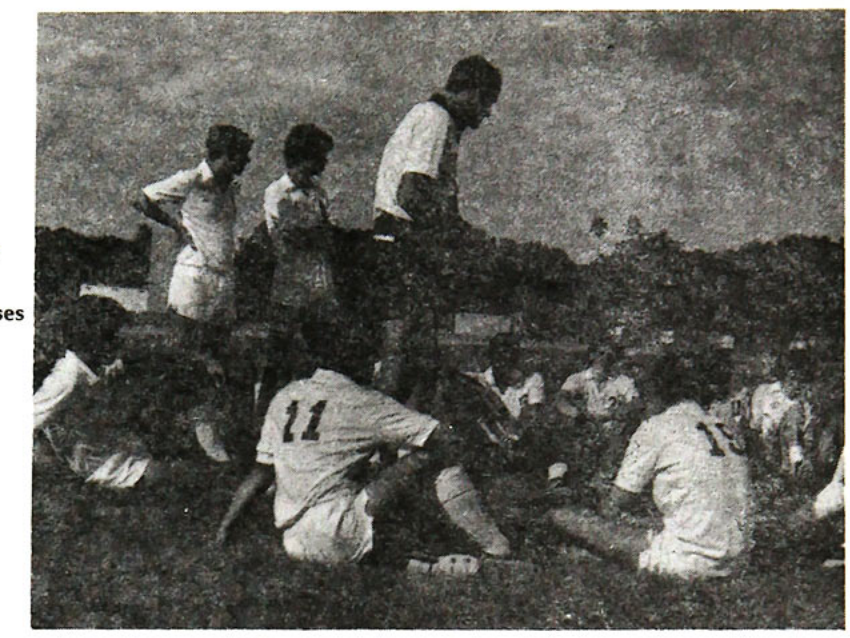


Peter DeSouza [left] and Mike Power [right] keep their opponent hustling for the possesion of the ball. Coach Swart [right] discusses strategy with the team before the match.



1981 Soccer Season In Retrospect

By Edward Mansoor
Sports Reporter

As we look back in retrospect at the 1981 Saint Leo soccer season we see a period packed with ups, downs, and unlimited action. The rugged path along which the team travelled was partly hammered down as experience gained a "foothold" among the players.

Coach John Swart had expressed a growing feeling of optimism at the start of the season. "We will be a better team than we've been in the past," he said confidently. During pre-season, the team had won four of their five matches. With a 1980 record of 3 wins to 9 losses, they were looking ahead with great enthusiasm to wipe that record out.

Their first seven matches saw Saint Leo emerge victorious in four of them. It should have been at least five wins, but they were unlucky when they played Biscayne, who got the tie breaker in the last eight seconds.

The second half of their season proved something-playing at home helped. The Monarchs won three of their home matches and drew one. Biscayne returned to defeat them for the second time, again scoring in the dying moments of the game.

Yet despite that, one can safely say that the team has come a long way. It took a lot of work and dedication. Seven wins, 5 losses, and a tie were their reward. Two giants on the team reacted to this year's season. Mike Sears, who scored seven goals said, "We were more together this year them any other year." Joe Hill, who was described by Coach Swart as "one of the most hardworking", said, "It took a while to get it together, but once we did we began to win."

Fore!

By Paul Bermel

To the astonishment of many people, there is a golf team at Saint Leo's. The fall season may have passed without anyone knowing of such, which would have been in the players' favor, but this article will try to account for the Monarchs' past experiences. The Monarch varsity golf team consists of multi-talented players from varied parts of the country such as: Captain Steve D'Marco from New Jersey, Mike Duffy from Maryland, Al Rage and John Mulchey from Massachusettes, Terry McNamara and Jerry Ragison from Illinois and freshman Larry Charles from California.

"Saint Leo performed below ability and expectations," says Dave Patrioski, a red shirted senior who will be looking to help the team next fall when he plans to play out his eligibility.

Saint Leo fared no better than ninth place out of between twelve and fifteen teams in their three tournaments in Stetson (DeLand Tourney), Tampa (Hall of Fame Tourney), Miami (Sun and Fun Tourney).

"Saint Leo got off to a slow start," says Al Rage, "without a coach or a practice course." But at last, a new coach, Mr. Ed Rogers (former tournament player) was hired. Mr. Rogers hopefully will guide and instill some of his knowledge and experiences into his players. "Mr. Rogers is a great asset to the team," says Larry Charles.

So the spring season looks very promising with the players continual dedication and a new coach and another season under their belts. Good luck in the Future!

Assistant Coach Philip Davis: International Athlete

Among the several hundred students at Saint Leo College we have an international star. His name is Philip Davis.

Philip is a member of the Bahamas National Volleyball Team. He lives in Nassau, Bahamas, and his major is Business Management. He is a second semester Freshman.

Philip attended St. Augustine College High School. While in high school he tried out for the Junior Boys Volleyball team and made it. This was his first time to ever experiencing a organized Volleyball game.

When the "Monarch" asked Philip how he got involved in sports, he replied, "my father is very athletic and as a child I watched him play, but the person who inspired me most is my oldest sister. She is a member of the Ladies Bahamas National Volleyball and Basketball Teams. I would watch my sister play when I was very young and this made me want to play volleyball too." His sister is now a English teacher in the area of English language and literature. Today she is still a member of both of the teams while she works.

The team that Philip plays on does not pay him. The only things the team pays for are expenses on far away trips, suits, and odds and ends. There are eleven players on the team and of the eleven, one player also acts as a coach. His name is Leslie Conrad, better known as Russian. The team does have a cut just like any other professional team. Most of the other members of the team work at other jobs and play volleyball, later, after work. Philip commented that they praticed four days a week from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. When a tournment nears they don't increase the time of pratice they just increase the intensity of pratice. They start praticing very hard, about four months before a tournment. About two years ago the team only played tournments at certain times, but now they are starting to play them year round.

Philip won seven awards while playing volleyball in High School. Five of the awards were for Most Valuable Player. During high school his team won the Junior Boys Volleyball Championship two straight years.

The Bahamas National Volleyball Team just flew to New England and played a tournament in which they placed fourth overall. The next tournment which Philip will play in will be in March and he will go to Miami to the Miami Dade South Caribbean Invitational Tournment.

Philip said, "My Best coach was the coach who coached me in grade nine, his name was Sharon Storr. He coached me for two years and he showed me what I was doing wrong. This was what helped me to make the team and to be what I am now."

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